GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1136
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LEASE OF CHENNAI AIRPORT TO MALAYSIA
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia has requested the Government of India to give Chennai Airport on lease;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any policy/decision regarding leasing of the Indian airports to other countries; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a):- No, Sir.

(b):- Does not arise.

(c):- It has been decided `in principle` to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term lease. At present, the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai Chennai and Kolkata have been takenup for this exercise. The process of selection of lessees would be undertaken through global competitive bidding.

(d):- The key reasons for restructuring the Airports through long term lease are to improve the standard of services and facilities at International airports; to facilitate infusion of private sector investments as also foreign direct investment in the airport sector; and to improve managerial efficiency.